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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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SERIAL NO: 09/807,960 :  
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FOR: CERAMIC SUBSTRATE :

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Further responsive to the Final Office Action dated March 27, 2002, and responsive to the Advisory Action dated September 24, 2002, a CPA having been timely filed on March 27, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Discussion of the Amendment** begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.